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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of institutes/universities engaged in educational and research works on different aspects of forestry in the country;
(b) whether the Government consult these institutes at the time of policy making;
(c) the progress made in the setting up of Himalayan Study Centre;
(d) whether the Government has implemented any scheme to provide employment through forests research institutes; and
(e) if so, the details thereof institute-wise and scheme-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) List of Forest Research Institutes functioning under the control of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change in the country is given below:-

S.No. Name of the Institute
(i) Forest Research Institute (FRI), Dehradun
(ii) Tropical Forest Research Institute (TFRI), Jabalpur
(iii) Arid Forest Research Institute (AFRI), Jodhpur
(iv) Institute of Wood Science & Technology (IWST), Bangalore
(v) Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding (IFGTB), Coimbatore
(vi) Rain Forest Research Institute (RFRI), Jorhat
(vii) Himalayan Forest Research Institute (HFRI), Shimla
(viii) Institute of Forest Productivity (IFP), Ranchi
(ix) Institute of Forest Biodiversity (IFB), Hyderabad
(x) Indian Institute of Forest Management (IIFM), Bhopal
(xi) Indian Plywood Industries Research & Training Institute (IPIRTI), Bangalore

Further, the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education (ICFRE), Dehradun, an autonomous body under the Ministry provides financial assistance to 27 Universities (Annexure-I) which run forestry courses in the country to give impetus to forestry education. Out of these 27 Universities, 18 Universities have been accredited with ICFRE.

Besides these forestry research institutions under the overall supervision of the Ministry, State Governments of Kerala, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, etc. also have their own research institutes.

(b) Yes, the Ministry holds consultations with these institutes at the time of policy making.

(c) The Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has established G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment & Development (GBPIHED) as a dedicated Research & Development Institute for the Indian Himalayan Region in 1988. The Institute is identified as a focal agency, to advance scientific knowledge, to evolve integrated management strategies, demonstrate their efficacy for conservation of biodiversity and natural resources and to ensure environmentally sound development in the entire Himalayan region. Recently, the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change has launched the National Mission on Himalayan Studies (NMHS), which is being served by GBPIHED as its Project Management Unit.

(d) & (e) No, at present there is no scheme to provide employment through forest research institutes.

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